

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 6, 2006. Claims 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 are presented for examination. Claims 7 and 12 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

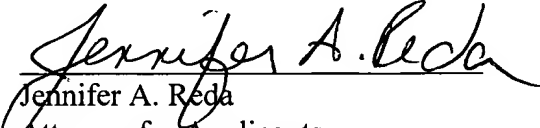
Claims 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,631,014 (Aoshima).

Applicants have submitted concurrently herewith a Submission of Sworn Translation of Priority Applications, which removes Aoshima as a reference against the pending claims supported by the Japanese priority applications.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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